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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its first regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 also stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the twenty-fifth session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the States included in List D of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the African States in List A and the States included in List B and List C, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the Asian States in List A.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session, based on the provisional agenda adopted by the Board at its twenty-fourth session (IDB.24/Dec.16) and including other items referred to the session, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.25/1.

The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (IDB.25/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (IDB.25/1/Add.1)
- List of documents (IDB.25/CRP.1)

Item 3. Annual report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 2001

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director-General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization. In its resolution GC.4/Res.2, the General Conference requested the Director-General to fully incorporate in future annual reports the programme performance report according to Board decision IDB.7/Dec.11. At the request of the Board in decision IDB.23/Dec.12, future annual reports will include information on operational activities for development arising from United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/192. Thus, the *Annual Report 2001* covers information on UNIDO in the field, women's entrepreneurship, the global forum function, focus on Africa and the least developed countries, and cooperation within the system.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report 2001* (including programme performance report) (IDB.25/2 and Add.1)

Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution stipulates that the Board shall request Members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization. In decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States were requested to inform the Board on their activities

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related to the work of the Organization when reviewing the annual report. Member States may wish to include this information in their oral statements delivered under this item. Such statements would be reflected in the summary records of the Board.

Item 4. Financial situation of UNIDO

In adopting a scale of assessments of Member States for the period 2002-2003, the General Conference noted with appreciation that Japan had renounced its shares of the unencumbered balance of appropriations, income from new Member States, and interest income in excess of budgetary estimates, and strongly encouraged other Member States to consider renouncing voluntarily their shares, for the regular budget and/or for technical cooperation activities (GC.9/Dec.10). In the same decision, the Conference requested the Director-General to report to the Board on the amounts renounced and purposes specified by Member States. The following document will include that information:

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.25/6) (to be updated in a conference room paper)

Item 5. Investment and Technology Promotion Offices

The guidelines for the functioning of the Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (previously called Investment Promotion Services) were approved by the General Conference at its third session (1989, resolution GC.3/Res.19) and amended by the Conference at its sixth session (1995, decision, GC.6/Dec.12). The guidelines, which are essential for the establishment and functioning of the Investment and Technology Promotion Offices, require updating to reflect present realities.

The Board will have before it:

- Guidelines for the functioning of the Investment and Technology Promotion Offices. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.25/4)

Item 6. UNIDO involvement in major international conferences

In its resolution GC.9/Res.3, the General Conference stressed the importance of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Financing for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development and requested the Director-General to provide a follow-up report to the Board. Thus, the Board will have before it:

- UNIDO involvement in major international conferences. Report by the Director-General (IDB.25/3)

Item 7. Joint Inspection Unit activities relevant to UNIDO

Having taken note of the pilot scheme of follow-up to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit outlined in document IDB.24/18, the Board at its twenty-fourth session approved the pilot scheme (IDB.24/Dec.11). In accordance with the scheme, one regular Board session per year will consider JIU reports (except in certain specified cases).

The Board will have before it:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.25/5)

Item 8. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

Guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in Article 19.1 of the Constitution were established by the General Conference in decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director-General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental and governmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to accord consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

The Board will have before it any information concerning organizations on which decisions are required.

Item 9. Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-sixth session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-sixth session. Note by the Director-General (IDB.25/CRP.2)